

**Glenbrook District 225
Technology Committee Minutes – April 14, 2016
Communications Meeting**

Members Present: Field, Gravel, Hanley, Kim, Muir, Ptak, Riggle, Shein, Williamson

Also Present: Ahmed, Baig, Manly

Members Absent: Bretag, Fagel, Finan

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Student Technology Devices

A field test consisting of GBN students and GBS students was conducted to evaluate Chromebooks manufactured by Acer, Dell, Hewlett Packard and Lenovo. Based upon performance, durability, faster processing speed and battery life, it has been recommended to purchase Lenovo 3rd Generation 11e Yoga Chromebooks for the incoming freshman class of 2020.

Dr. Ptak mentioned the cost of the Lenovo Yoga Chromebooks two years ago was \$425 per unit, last year the cost was \$396 per unit and the upcoming cost will be \$369 per unit.

A small change to the deductible structure for accidental damage requiring full replacement was introduced and adopted by consensus.

Review of Existing Projects

Dr. Gravel mentioned that funds were previously allocated for a radio and TV broadcasting hardware and software refresh. The budgeted amount for FY2016 was \$500,000 (\$480,000 as part of a five year lease, and \$20,000 for a software title purchase). Upon further dialogue with the broadcasting faculty and the technology teams about our current and future needs, it was determined that the refresh will cost no more than \$125,000.

With regard to the fiber connection between GBS and the District Office, it was found that fiber connection does need to be increased. An RFP was posted on the Universal Service Administration's Web Site and bids have been received for this upgrade.

Dr. Gravel referenced the previous technology committee meeting's discussion about the proposal and approximate cost to move the Data Center from 1835 Landwehr to 3801 West Lake. Upon further review it has been determined that the technology services team will complete this transition over time, and will work within existing budget parameters to complete the transition.

Technology Consortium Agreement

Dr. Riggle reviewed the status of the Northfield Township Technology Consortium agreements, and current shared services. Dr. Riggle shared that there have been requests from the Village of

Northbrook, Northbrook Park District, and the Northbrook Public Library to join the consortium, and to benefit from the negotiated internet service costs. Because the three municipal entities are not currently members of the consortium, all member entities must agree to permit their membership. Dr. Gravel provided documentation and a discussion on the current financial responsibilities of the consortium, and the service costs for each entity.

Technology Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Dr. Gravel gave an overview of the proposed budget for FY2017. The Technology Services budgets have been decreased from \$1.6M to \$1.59M, however, 5 percent to 7 percent increases in maintenance costs have been built into the new budget. The Educational Tech budget was reduced by 8.5 percent. New initiatives that were part of 2015-2016 have been incorporated into FY2017 as some initiatives are still in progress.

Dr. Gravel invited any inquiries via email or telephone and thanked The Board for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.